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The revised guidelines address the concerns about transmission of TB during air travel and provide the following: (i) information on transmission of TB on aircraft; (ii) a summary of the practices adopted for the management of patients with infectious TB associated with air travel, and of commonly encountered difficulties; (iii) suggestions on practical ways to reduce the risk of exposure to *M. tuberculosis* on board commercial aircraft, and (iv) guidance on procedures to follow and responsibilities when infectious TB is diagnosed in a patient who has a history of recent air travel, including contact tracing, notifying and screening for possible interventions. It also introduces the revised International Health Regulations, adopted by the World Health Assembly in May 2005, which will enter into force in June 2007, establishing basic rules for international coordination in the detection, investigation, and response to public health risks including the area of communication and information sharing. The guidelines are applicable to all domestic and international airlines worldwide.

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